



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH      CITY OF BINGHAMTON

*Teri Rennia, City Council President*  
*Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk*

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**MINUTES**  
**City Council Finance Committee**  
**Budget Hearing**  
**City Council Work Room, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, N.Y.**  
**Tuesday September 30, 2014**

**Called to Order.** Called to order at 5:00pm by Councilman Bill Berg, City Council Finance Chair.

**Council Members Present:** Jerry Motsavage (Committee Member), Bill Berg (Committee Chair), Joseph Mihalko, Lea Webb, Teri Rennia, Chris Papastrat (Arrived 5:09pm), John Matzo (Committee Member Arrived 5:28pm)

**Council Members Absent:** None

**Also in attendance:** Chuck Shager, Comptroller; Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel; Jared Kraham, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk; Gary Holmes, DPW Commissioner; Jonathan Yeager, 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, Bernice St. Clair, Superintendent of City Streets

**ITEMS CONSIDERED**

**Budget Items: Public Works Administration, City Hall Operation of Plant, Central Garage, Signals/Combined Shops, Maintenance of Roads, Snow Removal, Street Lighting, Sanitation, Refuse Summary, Refuse Unallocated Insurance, Refuse Personnel, Refuse State Retirement, Refuse Social Security, Refuse Workers Compensation, Refuse Unemployment Insurance, Refuse Disability Insurance, Refuse Health Insurance, Refuse Other Employee Benefits, Capital Improvements**

Presented by: Gary Holmes, DPW Commissioner

Councilman Berg opened pages 34-35 for review.

Motion to hold pages 34-35.

Moved by Berg, seconded by Webb.

**Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Berg, Matzo, Mihalko, Papastrat, Webb

Nays: None

**Item held.**

Councilman Berg opened pages 36-37 for review.

Motion to reduce budget line A1620.5440 from \$21,600 to \$16,600, moving \$5,000 to budget line A1990.55003 (DPW Contingency)

Moved by Berg, seconded by Webb.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-1)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Berg, Matzo, Mihalko, Webb

Nays: Papastrat

Motion to hold pages 36-37

Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)**



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Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Berg, Matzo, Mihalko, Papastrat, Webb

Nays: None

**Item held.**

Councilman Berg opened pages 38-40 for review.

Motion to hold pages 38-40.

Moved by Berg, seconded by Webb.

**Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Berg, Matzo, Mihalko, Papastrat, Webb

Nays: None

**Item held.**

Councilman Berg opened pages 41-42 for review.

Motion to reduce budget line A1650.54410 (Professional Services) from \$12,080 to \$10,000, moving \$2,080 to budget line A1990.55003 (DPW Contingency).

Moved by Berg, seconded by Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Berg, Matzo, Mihalko, Papastrat, Webb

Nays: None

Motion to move pages 41-42, as amended.

Moved by Berg, seconded by Mihalko.

**Motion carried. (Vote 5-2)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Berg, Matzo, Mihalko, Papastrat

Nays: Rennia, Webb

Councilman Berg opened pages 72-73 for review.

Motion to move pages 72-73.

Moved by Berg, Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Berg, Matzo, Mihalko, Papastrat, Webb

Nays: None

Councilman Berg opened page 74 for review.

Motion to hold page 74.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Webb.

**Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Berg, Matzo, Mihalko, Papastrat, Webb

Nays: None

**Item held.**

Councilman Berg opened page 75 for review.

Motion to reduce budget line A5182.54202 (Electricity) from \$650,000 to \$600,000, moving \$50,000 to budget line A1990.55003 (DPW Contingency).

Moved by Berg, seconded by Motsavage.



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**Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Berg, Matzo, Mihalko, Papastrat, Webb

Nays: None

Motion to move page 75, as amended.

Moved by Webb, seconded by Berg.

**Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Berg, Matzo, Mihalko, Papastrat, Webb

Nays: None

Councilman Berg opened page 96 for review.

Motion to move page 96.

Moved by Matzo, seconded by Papastrat.

**Motion carried. (Vote 4-3)**

Ayes: Berg, Matzo, Mihalko, Papastrat

Nays: Motsavage, Rennia, Webb

Councilman Berg opened page 118 for review.

Motion to move page 118.

Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Matzo

**Motion carried. (Vote 5-2)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Berg, Matzo, Mihalko, Papastrat

Nays: Rennia, Webb

Councilman Berg opened page 121-122 for review.

Motion to reduce budget line CL8160.51900 (Overtime) from \$44,800 to \$30,000, moving \$14,800 to budget line Refuse Contingency

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Webb.

**Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Berg, Matzo, Mihalko, Papastrat, Webb

Nays: None

Motion to reduce budget line CL8160.54112 (Gasoline/Diesel) from \$135,812 to \$95,812, moving \$40,000 to budget line Refuse Contingency

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Webb.

**Motion carried. (Vote 4-3)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Berg, Webb

Nays: Papastrat, Mihalko, Matzo

Motion to move \$4,150 from Refuse Contingency to budget line CL8160.54662 (Yard Waste Fee), making the new total \$64,000.

Moved by Berg, seconded by Webb.

**Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Berg, Matzo, Mihalko, Papastrat, Webb

Nays: None



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Motion to reduce CL8160.52600 (Equipment) from \$14,368 to \$10,684, moving \$3,684 to Refuse Contingency.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Webb.

**Motion carried. (Vote 4-3)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Berg, Webb

Nays: Papastrat, Mihalko, Matzo

Motion to move pages 121-122, as amended.

Moved by Berg, seconded by Papastrat

**Motion failed. (Vote 1-6)**

Ayes: Papastrat

Nays: Motsavage, Rennia, Berg, Matzo, Mihalko, Papastrat, Webb

Councilman Berg opened page 123 for review.

Motion to move page 123

Moved by Berg, seconded by Matzo.

**Motion carried. (Vote 4-3)**

Ayes: Mihalko, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: Motsavage, Rennia, Webb

Councilman Berg opened page 124 for review.

Motion to move page 124.

Moved by Matzo, seconded by Mihalko.

**Motion carried. (Vote 4-3)**

Ayes: Mihalko, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: Motsavage, Rennia, Webb

Councilman Berg opened page 126 for review.

Motion to move page 126.

Moved by Matzo, seconded by Mihalko.

**Motion carried. (Vote 4-3)**

Ayes: Mihalko, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: Motsavage, Rennia, Webb

Councilman Berg opened page 127 for review.

Motion to move page 127.

Moved by Matzo, seconded by Mihalko.

**Motion carried. (Vote 4-3)**

Ayes: Mihalko, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: Motsavage, Rennia, Webb

Councilman Berg opened page 128 for review.

Motion to hold page 128.

Moved by Berg, seconded by Mihalko.

**Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Berg, Matzo, Mihalko, Papastrat, Webb



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Nays: None

**Item held.**

Councilman Berg opened page 129 for review.

Motion to move page 129.

Moved by Mihalko, seconded by Berg.

**Motion carried. (Vote 4-3)**

Ayes: Mihalko, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: Motsavage, Rennia, Webb

Councilman Berg opened page 130 for review.

Motion to move page 130.

Moved by Mihalko, seconded by Berg.

**Motion carried. (Vote 4-3)**

Ayes: Mihalko, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: Motsavage, Rennia, Webb

Councilman Berg opened pages 30-31 for review.

Motion to hold pages 30-31.

Moved by Berg, seconded by Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Berg, Matzo, Mihalko, Papastrat, Webb

Nays: None

**Item held.**

Councilman Berg opened pages 198-199 for review.

Motion to hold capital budget items (Asphalt Recycler and Asphalt Hot Box Patch Trailer, Equipment/Repair)

Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Berg, Matzo, Mihalko, Papastrat, Webb

Nays: None

**Item held.**

**Executive Session.** Motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:55pm to confer with Corporation Counsel.

Moved by Berg, seconded by Motsavage.

**Voice vote, none opposed.**

**Reconvene.** Called to order at 9:30 by Councilman Berg, City Council Finance Chair.

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**Council Members Absent:** None



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Motion to hold all DPW/Engineering capital improvement plans  
Moved by Berg, seconded by Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Berg, Matzo, Mihalko, Papastrat, Webb

Nays: None

**Item held.**

**Budget Items: City Council, City Clerk, Elections, and Dog Control**  
Presented by Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk

Councilman Berg opened page 14 for review.

Motion to move page 14.

Moved by Webb, seconded Matzo.

**Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Berg, Matzo, Mihalko, Papastrat, Webb

Nays: None

Councilman Berg opened pages 24-25 for review.

Motion to reduce budget line A1410.54101 (Office Supplies) from \$3,000 to \$2,700, moving \$300 to budget line A1990.55000 (Contingency).

Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Berg, Matzo, Mihalko, Papastrat, Webb

Nays: None

Motion to reduce budget line A1410.54650 (Legal Ads/Advertising) from \$1,500 to \$900, moving \$600 to budget line A1990.55000 (Contingency).

Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage

**Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Berg, Matzo, Mihalko, Papastrat, Webb

Nays: None

Motion to reduce budget line A1410.54701 (Travel & Training) from \$1,000 to \$500, moving \$500 to budget line A1990.55000 (Contingency).

Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Webb

**Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Berg, Matzo, Mihalko, Papastrat, Webb

Nays: None

Motion to move pages 24-25, as amended.

Moved by Matzo, seconded by Webb.

**Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)**



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Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Berg, Matzo, Mihalko, Papastrat, Matzo

Nays: None

Councilman Berg opened page 32 for review.

Motion to transfer \$5,000 from budget line A1990.55000 (Contingency) to budget line A1450.54490 (General Election Services), making the total \$50,000.

Moved by Matzo, seconded by Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Berg, Matzo, Mihalko, Papastrat, Matzo

Nays: None

Motion to transfer \$5,000 from budget line A1990.55000 (Contingency) to budget line A1450.54491 (Primary Election Services), making the total \$50,000

Moved by Matzo, seconded by Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Berg, Matzo, Mihalko, Papastrat, Matzo

Nays: None

Motion to move page 32, as amended.

Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Berg, Matzo, Mihalko, Papastrat, Matzo

Nays: None

Councilman Berg opened page 68 for review.

Motion to move page 68.

Moved by Webb, seconded by Matzo.

**Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Berg, Matzo, Mihalko, Papastrat, Matzo

Nays: None

**Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn at 10:00pm.

Moved by Webb, seconded by Matzo.

**Voice vote, none opposed.**